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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MCAVOY ET AL.

Examiner

Zohreh Fay

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-28 and 34-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claims 14-28 and 34-38 are presented for examination.

The amendments and remarks filed on February 12, 2002 have been received and entered.

Claims 14-28 and 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the office action of August 6, 2003.

Claims 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by WO 92/17206 for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the office action of August 6, 2003 .

Applicant's arguments and remarks have been carefully considered, but are not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant's arguments for the 112 first paragraph rejection are not well taken for the following reasons. The instant specification does not provide support for "preventing" cataract or after-cataract. Although, treating and controlling cataract and after-cataract is easily recognized by the state of the art, but prevention of such disorders is not recognized as being easily done. There is no support in the specification to demonstrate the prevention of cataract or after-cataract by using TGFB inhibitors. Furthermore, the instant specification fails to set forth a representative number of TGFB inhibitors, which would be capable of prevention, or control of cataract or after-cataract . Since compound structure and activity for such pharmaceutical use must be determined from case to case by painstaking experimental study, one of ordinary skill in the art would be burdened with undue experimentation to determine all TGFB inhibitors which would be capable of controlling or treating cataract or after-cataract

Applicant's arguments regarding the 102 (b) rejection have also been carefully considered, but are not found to be persuasive regarding claims 34-38. The prior art clearly teaches the use of the claimed compounds in a pharmaceutical formulation. The new use for an old composition does not render such composition new.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zohreh Fay whose telephone number is (571)272-0573. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marianne Seidel can be reached on (571)272-0584. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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